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PIMA AND MARICOPA RESER- VATION.

Upon Gov. McCormick's return to
Washington he found that Commis-
sioner Parker had kept his word and
not taken final action upon the pro-
posed extension of this reservation,
although the surveys and reports had
been received by him. He agreed to
give our Delegate a full and fair hear-
ing before doing so, and subsequently
was as much surprised as the Delegate
to hear that while he had been detain-
ed at his house some days by illness,
his chief clerk, who became acting
commissioner by his absence, had tak-
en up all the papers and favorably
indorsed them to the Secretary of the
Interior, who in turn had approved
them and sent them to the Indian
Committee of the Senate. The com-
mittee, prompt to act in anything
favoring the Indian, prepared an
amendment, without notifying the
Commissioner or Delegate of their
purpose to do so, which amendment
Senator Buckingham offered during
the discussion on the Indian appropria-
tion bill, but Senators Cole and Stew-
art, who had been informed by the
Delegate of the feeling in Arizona
against this extension, promptly op-
posed the amendment, the latter in a
most forcible manner, and it was re-
jected. So the business is at a stand-
still for the present and we trust the
extension, so unnecessary and so un-
just to the settlers, may yet be pre-
vented, or if not, that a much larger
sum than \$30,000 may be appropri-
ated to reimburse the Americans and
Mexicans who will be disturbed, for
there are many more than the number
named by Mr. Buckingham, and \$30,-
000 would not be a sufficient sum to
pay them all. The Territory is again
placed under obligations to Senator
Stewart for effective aid, and gratitude
is also due to Senator Cole.

From the *Globe* of Feb. 25, we take
the following report of the discussion
in the Senate, which our readers upon
the Gila and Salt rivers, will doubtless
read with especial interest:

Mr. Buckingham. I offer the fol-
lowing amendment as an additional
section:

Sec.—And be it further enacted, That the
Indian reservation set apart for the con-
federated bands of Pima and Maricopa In-
dians, in the Territory of Arizona, be, and
the same is hereby, enlarged and extended
so as to include eighty-one thousand one
hundred and forty, and sixteen hundredths
acres, defined by the survey of Lieutenant
Richard H. Savage, of the corps of engi-
neers of the United States Army, in ad-
dition to the present reservation of sixty-
four thousand acres, which survey, with a
map and description of the bearings and
boundaries of the same, was transmitted
to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, un-
der date of August 18, 1870, by George L.
Andrews, Lieut. Col. United States Army
and Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the
Territory of Arizona; and that the Secre-
tary of the Interior be, and he is hereby
authorized to pay, from any money in the
Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the
sum of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may
be necessary, to settle and pay for improve-
ments made by twenty-five settlers now
on lands included in the within-described
survey, a detailed report of which was
made by Capt. F. E. Grossman, of the

United States Army and special Indian
agent, which report was transmitted with
the survey to the Commissioner of Indian
Affairs by the within-named George L.
Andrews.

Mr. Harlan. I move to strike out
all that part of the amendment which
makes an appropriation. I do not re-
member where the phraseology begins;
the Clerk will see.

The Presiding Officer. The Sena-
tor from Iowa moves to amend the
proposed amendment by striking out
the appropriation.

Mr. Harlan. I think we ought to
authorize the extension of the bounda-
ries of this reservation; the lands will
be needed.

Mr. Nye. Will not that give rise
to an appropriation next year?

Mr. Harlan. If it so should turn
out that there ought to be an appropria-
tion made, we can have time to
examine it and make it then. There
is no doubt about the propriety of the
extension of the reservation.

Mr. Buckingham. The amend-
ment of the Senator from Iowa is to
strike out all after the word Arizona
in the fourteenth line.

Mr. Stewart. Let it be reported.
I do not understand it.

The Chief Clerk read the words
proposed to be stricken out, as follows:

And that the Secretary of the Interior
be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay,
from any money in the Treasury not other-
wise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000, or
so much thereof as may be necessary, to
settle and pay for improvements made by
twenty-five settlers now on lands included
in the within-described survey, a detailed
report of which was made by Capt. F. E.
Grossman, of the United States Army and
special Indian agent, which report was
transmitted with the survey to the Com-
missioner of Indian Affairs by the within-
named George L. Andrews.

Mr. Cole. I think I must move to
lay that on the table.

Mr. Buckingham. I hope the Sena-
tor will hear an explanation of it first.

Mr. Cole. Certainly.

Mr. Stewart. I hope he will hear
an explanation on the other side. I
happen to know something about that.

The Presiding Officer. Does the
Senator from California withdraw the
motion?

Mr. Cole. I will, for the mover to
make an explanation of his amend-
ment.

Mr. Buckingham. I will simply
state that there has been set apart in
Arizona for these tribes of Indians a
reservation of sixty-four thousand
acres. The Interior Department and
the Indian Bureau are perfectly satis-
fied on inquiry and investigation, from
reports which have been made, that
this tract is not large enough for agri-
cultural purposes, or for pasturage
connected with these tribes of Indians.
Therefore, the Secretary of the Interior
ordered a survey of lands adjoining
this reservation. That survey was
made by an officer of the engineer
corps. A report of that survey has
been made, with a map, and that re-
port covers eighty-one thousand one
hundred and forty acres, in addition
to the sixty-four thousand which are
already set apart there. The Secre-
tary of the Interior and all in the De-
partment are of opinion that this is
essential, that it is necessary.

Then, in regard to the rest of the
amendment, I will say simply that
there are twenty-five Mexicans and
Americans on the territory which has
been surveyed. There is a particular
account given of each man and of the
improvements of each man; and in
the estimation of the Secretary of the
Interior it will require that amount to
extinguish the title or pay for the im-
provements on these lands.

Mr. Stewart. I happen to know
something about this, and I do not
think there was ever a greater out-
rage committed by the Department,
after men had settled on this land in
good faith, and the Indians had plenty
of land besides, to enlarge the reserva-
tion and take in the settlements.

The people of Arizona are punished
more severely by this Government
than any other people. They are not
allowed to fight the Indians on their
own account, and the soldiers will not
fight them for them. One half the
population have already been murder-
ed. Here are a few who have got on
farms, and on account of some caprice
the Indian reservation has been en-
larged. A more atrocious thing I
never heard of. I have had letters
from most of the people settled there.
I know many that are settled there.
This land was surveyed after they had
gone there and fought for years to

maintain a precarious existence, the
best they could. Their land which
they had dedicated to civilization is to
be dedicated to barbarism when there
is plenty of territory dedicated already
to the scalping knife and to barbar-
ism. I move to lay the amendment
on the table.

Mr. Buckingham. Mr. President—
The Presiding Officer. The motion
of the Senator from Nevada is not de-
batable. The motion is that the
amendment be laid on the table.

The motion was agreed to; there
being, on a division—ayes 24, noes 16.

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